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(U) BREAKING NEWS

(U) Maryland – Two Injured, Gunman Killed in Shooting Near Ft. Detrick

(U) Frederick – A Navy medic shot and critically wounded two people at a Maryland business park Tuesday, then fled to a nearby military base where he was shot and killed, police and US Navy officials reported. The male shooter entered a business at the Riverside Tech Park, causing people inside to flee, but it was unclear if the shooting took place inside or outside, Frederick Police Chief Jason Lando said. After the shooting, the man drove about 10-minutes to Fort Detrick, where he was shot by police who followed him onto the base, Lando said. The Navy did not release further details. A statement from the Pentagon just said that an “active shooting incident” on the base involved a Navy medic who was later killed.

SOURCE: 6 April 2021, [AP](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Authorities Arrest Two Yemenis on Terror Watchlist Trying to Cross Border

(U) Calexico – US border agents in recent months arrested two Yemeni men on a terror watchlist in separate incidents as they crossed the border with Mexico illegally, US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced on Monday. The men, arrested in January and March near a port of entry in California, were on a US government watchlist for terrorism suspects and a “no-fly” list. One of the men, aged 33, was arrested on 29 January after allegedly attempting to cross the border illegally near a port of entry in Calexico, California. The second man, aged 26, was arrested on 30 March in the same vicinity.

SOURCE: 5 April 2021, [Reuters](#)

(U) California – Agents Disrupt Human Smuggling Attempt Along Coastline

(U) Imperial Beach – Border Patrol agents arrested three men and a teenager suspected of swimming around a US-Mexico border wall and two other men accused of picking up the group in Imperial Beach on Sunday, officials said. All were identified as Mexican nationals who were not authorized to be in the US. Agents patrolling the coastline spotted the three men and teen walking north on the beach. They were wearing torn wetsuits but not carrying any other gear such as surfboards. When the agents approached the group, the men and teen ran away. After apprehending the teen, the three men were picked up in an SUV. Agents stopped the SUV and arrested the driver and the front seat passenger, along with the three men in wetsuits. The five men and the teen were taken to a nearby Border Patrol station for processing. The driver and passenger were expected to face charges of human smuggling.

SOURCE: 5 April 2021, [San Diego Union-Tribune](#)

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(U) District of Columbia – Five Men Charged for Assaulting Three Officers During Capitol Riot

(U) Washington – On 1 April, a superseding indictment was unsealed in federal court in the District of Columbia charging five men with assaulting Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Officers, as well as other crimes, during the breach of the US Capitol on 6 January. Jack Wade Whitton, 30, of Locust Grove,

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Georgia, was arrested Thursday in Atlanta. The indictment alleges that Whitton, along with Jeffrey Sabol of Kittredge, Colorado, and Peter Francis Stager of Conway, Arkansas, assaulted an MPD officer, referred to as "B.M.", with a baton, flag, pole and a crutch. The indictment also accuses Clayton Ray Mullins of Benton, Kentucky, of assaulting the same officer, as well as a second MPD officer, whom Whitton and Sabol are also accused of separately assaulting. The indictment further alleges that Michael John Lopatic Sr. of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, assaulted a third MPD officer.

SOURCE: 5 April 2021, [US DOJ](#)

(U) New York – Ransomware Attack Affects 750,000 Personal Touch Patients, Employees

(U) Lake Success – Personal Touch Holding Corp., the parent company of Personal Touch Home Care centers across the US, recently began notifying 753,107 patients and employees of a ransomware attack on its cloud-stored business records. The data breach occurred between 20-27 January. On 27 January Personal Touch became aware of the cyberattack on the private cloud hosted by its service providers. Personal Touch said it cannot confirm the extent to which employee and patient data was compromised. Compromised information may include Social Security numbers, financial information, medical records and more of patients, employees and dependents. The data breach affected 29 direct and indirect subsidiaries of Personal Touch across the US.

SOURCE: 5 April 2021, [Becker's Health IT](#)

(U) Oregon – Protester from Indiana Charged with Attempted Murder of Portland Police Officers

(U) Portland – The FBI and the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department arrested a man for allegedly attacking Portland police officers with fire-bombs and smashing windows at protests last fall. The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office announced a 28-count indictment against Malik Muhammed, 24, including several counts of attempted murder and attempted assault, riot, unlawful possession of a destructive device and unlawful possession of a firearm, among others. Muhammed, who lives in Indianapolis, traveled to Portland "for the specific purpose of engaging in the multiple criminal episodes and behavior that this case is based upon," prosecutors stated in court documents. Prosecutors laid out four incidents where, they said, Muhammed destroyed property and jeopardized police officer's lives.

SOURCE: 5 April 2021, [OPB](#)

(U) Tennessee – Knoxville Man Arrested for Attempting to Provide Material Support to ISIS

(U) Knoxville – A Knoxville man is heading to trial after being indicted and arrested for attempting to provide material support and resources to the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). The announcement said Benjamin Alan Carpenter, 31, also known as "Abu Hamza," was arrested on 24 March in Knoxville following the return of a federal grand jury indictment charging him with attempting to provide material support and resources to a designated foreign terrorist organization. Carpenter is a US citizen and the leader of Ahlut-Tawhid Publications, an international organization dedicated to the translation and publication of pro-ISIS and official ISIS media in English. The arrest came after Carpenter provided translations of ISIS media content to a covert FBI agent who was posing as an associate of ISIS.

SOURCE: 5 April 2021, [US DOJ](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Mali – Several Dozen Jihadists, Including Commander Killed in Mali

(U) Aguelhok – More than 40 jihadists, including a senior commander, were killed last week after they attacked UN peacekeepers in northern Mali. One of the killed attackers was a right-hand man to Iyad Ag Ghaly, by the name of Abdallaye Ag Albaka". Ag Ghaly, a veteran jihadist, is leader of the shadowy Group to Support Islam and Muslims (GSIM) in the Sahel, affiliated with al-Qa'ida. Ag Albaka, a former

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mayor of the town of Tessalit, has long had a reputation for being one of Ag Ghaly's lieutenants, entrusted with a senior military role in northern Mali, the cradle of an insurgency in 2012 that has since spread to Niger and Burkina Faso.

SOURCE: 5 April 2021, [AFP](#)

(U) Nigeria – Gunmen Free More Than 1,800 Inmates in Attack on Nigerian Prison

(U) Owerri – More than 1,800 prisoners are now fugitives in southeast Nigeria after escaping when heavily armed gunmen attacked their prison using explosives and rocket-propelled grenades. Nigerian police said it believed a banned separatist group, the Indigenous People of Biafra (IPOB), was behind the attack in the city of Owerri, but a spokesman for the group denied involvement. In recent months security in the region has deteriorated. Several police stations have been attacked since January, with large amounts of ammunition stolen and reports of the IPOB's paramilitary wing, the Eastern Security Network (ESN), clashing with the military.

SOURCE: 5 April 2021, [Reuters](#)

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